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TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to the "Telegraph."]

THE EGYPTIAN SUCCESS.

Over Thirteen Hundred Prisoners.

December 26, 3.35 p.m.

An official message from Egypt says that in the Magdhabah engagement the total number of prisoners captured was 1,350, of which forty-five were officers. Seven guns were also taken. The number of the enemy engaged was about two thousand, therefore the force was practically destroyed.

To the south, our mobile forces penetrated the Mitla Pass and destroyed the defences at the eastern end, besides burning the camps in the neighbourhood.

ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

Good work by French Aeroplanes.

December 26, 4.05 p.m.

A French communique says:—Ten French aeroplanes bombed the railway station and hutments at Neule and bivouacs at Chapitre and Ourschamps woods.

SIR SAM HUGHES AND UNIVERSAL SERVICE.

December 26, 3.35 p.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Ottawa, General Sir Sam Hughes, former Minister of Defence, in a speech, strongly favoured universal military training for home defence and compulsory service overseas.

SPANISH STEAMER SUNK.

December 26, 1.00 p.m.

The Spanish steamer Marques de Urquijo has been sunk.

THE BALKAN STRUGGLE.

Fresh German Regiments on Serbian Front.

December 26, 1.00 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Salonica says that no fewer than four fresh German regiments and a number of heavy guns have appeared on the Serbian front. The Germans are striving hard to retain the ascendancy in the air and brought up several new aeroplanes of the latest type, each of which has two machine guns, and are again crossing our lines with comparative impunity.

EAST AFRICAN CAMPAIGN.

Portuguese Successes Announced.

December 26, 1.00 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Lisbon says:—It is officially announced that the whole of the right bank of the River Ruvuma is in the hands of the Portuguese, besides a most important post on the left bank in German territory.

FRENCH MINISTERS IN LONDON.

December 26, 3.35 p.m.

The French Ministers M. Ribot and M. Thomas have arrived in London.

BRITISH WAR CONFERENCES.

Invitations to the Dominions.

December 26, 6.40 p.m.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies telegraphed to the Dominions yesterday saying:—His Majesty's Government does not contemplate a session of the ordinary Imperial Conference, but a special War Conference of the Empire. I therefore invite your Premier to attend a series of special and continuous meetings of the War Cabinet to consider urgent questions regarding the prosecution of the war and the possible conditions, in agreement with our Allies, when we cease to peace, and the problems therefrom arising. For the purpose of these meetings, your Premier will be a member of the War Cabinet. In view of the urgency and importance of the subjects for discussion it is hoped that your Premier will attend not later than the end of February, and, if unable to attend, will appoint a substitute.

The Secretary of State for India is telegraphing the Viceroy in similar terms, stating that he will represent India at these sittings, and desiring the assistance of two gentlemen to be specially selected in consultation with the Viceroy, as foreshadowed by Lord Hardinge's speech, delivered on September 22, 1915.

RUSSIA AND THE ALLIES.

President Wilson's Proposal to be Refused.

December 26, 4.55 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd states that M. Pokrowski, the new Foreign Minister, has made an important statement to Press representatives. He said that after the war the Alliance between Russia, France and Britain would be consolidated by a close economic union. The war would be continued until decisive victory was secured. President Wilson's Note could not alter the situation. The Allies would reply fully, but would refuse President Wilson's proposal. Then they would reiterate that they would continue the war until the restoration of the ravaged territories and the existence of small nations had been guaranteed and a new world configuration become absolutely impossible. M. Pokrowski indicated that there would be further military measures "finally to end Greek vacillations."

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FURTHER ADVANCE IN MESOPOTAMIA.

December 26, 10.20 p.m.

A Mesopotamia official message states:—British detachments advanced to the right bank of the Tigris and consolidated the position to the south and east of Kut. Cavalry destroyed Gassab's fort, which has been the base of hostile Arabs.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on an extra.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

INDIAN POLITICS.

December 22, 6.19 a.m.

"The Times," referring in an editorial to the memorandum to the Viceroy from nineteen representatives of the Imperial Council says: "A document which does not bear the name of a single representative of the fighting races of India or of a single member of the Punjab can hardly be held to embody the views of all Indian communities. While the memorandum appears to have been drafted in haste and without careful consideration Indian politicians generally, and the signatories to the memorandum in particular, would be well advised to remember that the culminating phases of the greatest war in history do not constitute an appropriate time for the pressing of extravagant and unworkable demands."

THE PEACE OVERTURES.

Switzerland Addresses the Belligerents.

December 24, 6.45 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Bern says the Federal Council has addressed a Note to the belligerents supporting President Wilson's Note, with which the Council got into touch five weeks ago. It says that Switzerland, seriously threatened and struck in her spiritual and material interests, is ready to aid with all her feeble strength in ending the sufferings of the war and establishing a lasting peace.

Pulpit References.

December 25, 7.20 a.m.

In regard to President Wilson's Peace Note, there have been numerous sermons from all denominations, especially from Nonconformists, pointing out the perils of a premature peace and the tragic mistake of confusing the objects of the belligerents.

TREMENDOUS MUNITIONS OUTPUT.

December 25, 7.20 a.m.

A month ago, the weekly production of British eighteen-pounder ammunition was 43 times the weekly production in June 1915; that for medium guns and howitzers 66 times, and heavy howitzers 323.

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The total output for one week in November was 30 per cent. more than the entire reserve stock in the beginning of the war.

The monthly output of medium guns for November was nearly 40 times the monthly average for the first year, and of heavy guns about twelve times.

For every ton of explosive used in September, 1914 over 11,000 tons were used in July, 1916.

BRITISH DESTROYERS SINK IN COLLISION.

December 25, 7.20 a.m.

The Admiralty reports that two destroyers were sunk in collision in the North Sea on 21st inst. in bad weather. Six officers and forty-one men were lost.

THE KING'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE.

December 25, 7.20 a.m.

His Majesty the King has sent a message to sailors and soldiers for Christmas and New Year, conveying grateful thoughts for their victories, hardships, and untiring cheerfulness, and stating "The Empire, confident in you, remains determined to win. God bless you." The King and Queen sent a message to the sick and wounded wishing them a speedy restoration and happier years to come.

A GERMAN CLAIM.

December 25, 1.55 p.m.

A German official announcement claims the repulse of British attacks at Ypres and in Macedonia.

SINGAPORE AND WAR TAXATION.

December 25, 3.25 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Singapore states that the War Taxation Committee recommends an increase of the annual contribution of £200,000 to half a million sterling, the taxation including an export duty of five per cent. on rubber.

HONOUR FOR THE SIRDAR.

December 25, 3.25 p.m.

The Sultan has conferred the Grand Cordon of Mohamed Ali upon General Sir F. R. Wingate, Sirdar of Egyptian Army and Governor-General of the Sudan, in recognition of his eminent services in Egypt. He says: "Thanks to you the Egyptian army has attained its present perfection, and not only the Sudan is definitely pacified but the ancient frontiers have been restored by the retaking of Barak."

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BRITISH SUCCESS IN EGYPT.

December 25, 4.25 p.m.

An official message from Egypt states:—Our mounted troops captured a stronghold at Magdhabah, capturing 1,120 prisoners, two guns and large booty. The enemy's casualties were considerable. Our aircraft co-operated with bombs and machine guns.

THE ITALIAN FRONT.

December 25, 5.15 p.m.

According to an Italian official statement enemy patrols attacking to the south-east of Gorizia were driven off, and some prisoners were taken.

IN THE BALKANS.

Successful Italian Raid.

December 25, 5.15 p.m.

It is officially announced that the Italians successfully raided the main line of trenches between Lake Dolina and Dolgiti and inflicted serious loss and destroyed several gun emplacements.

Enemy's Repeated Failure.

December 25, 8.10 p.m.

A Russian communique says the enemy repeatedly failed to re-capture the heights of the Usa Valley on the Moldavian frontier, the slopes of which are covered with corpses. The Rumanians were pushed back in the region of Kasino River and the Urancha Mountains. All enemy attacks on the left of the Danube were repelled, except one. A height was lost on our left and we abandoned Imakche and Tulcea in Dobradja.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

British Successfully Discharge Gas.

December 25, 5.15 p.m.

General Sir Douglas Haig reports:—We raided trenches in the neighbourhood of Hebuterne, taking prisoners.

We successfully discharged gas westwards of Messines. The enemy fired a camouflet at Mount Sorrel, without causing any damage.

We shelled a working party north-east of Morval.

Details of the raid northwards of Arras on the 20th inst. show that two lines of trenches were penetrated in broad daylight on a 400 yards front. All the objectives were attained.

German Flee from a Trench.

December 25, 6.10 p.m.

French communique of the evening of December 24 and the afternoon of the 25th record lively artillery activity, especially on the right bank of the Meuse. There were small enemy attacks in Champagne and south of Arras.

A French detachment in the region of Boye penetrated a German trench, the occupants of which fled after losses had been inflicted.

Three Enemy Machines Brought Down.

December 26, 12.45 a.m.

A Paris communique says the day was comparatively quiet everywhere.

Three enemy machines were brought down yesterday on the Somme.

There was a violent artillery struggle north of Monastir.

Enemy Headquarters Shelled.

December 26, 2.10 a.m.

General Sir Douglas Haig says we successfully raided trenches to the south west of Lens and to the east of Arras and took some prisoners.

The enemy blew a camouflet to the south of St. Eloi but the damage was slight.

We systematically shelled the enemy defences and Headquarters north of the Somme, doing much damage.

INTERESTING ENGAGEMENT.

December 26, 5.00 a.m.

Miss Elizabeth Asquith, the second eldest daughter of the ex-Prime Minister, has become engaged to the American diplomat, Mr. Gibson, who tried to save Nurse Cavell.

AN M.P.'S ESCAPE.

December 26, 5.00 a.m.

Mr. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P. for South Birmingham, gives an account of his escape in a boat from the steamer Caledonia. The submarine had trained her gun on the boats, which were closely examined. Mr. Amery hid beneath the steersman's feet, thus escaping notice. The submarine then made off, carrying the Captain with her.

MINISTERS ELECTED UNOPPOSED.

December 26, 5.00 a.m.

Professor Fisher, President of the Board of Education, and Sir Albert Stanley, President of the Board of Trade, have been elected unopposed for Sheffield and Ashton-under-Lyne, respectively.

THE COLONIES AND WAR PROBLEMS.

December 26, 5.45 a.m.

"The Times" states that the Prime Ministers of all the Dominions have been invited to a Conference, which will take the form of a series of War Council meetings for the purpose of discussing war organisation and post-war problems. They will probably be consulted with regard to peace conditions.

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OBITUARY.

Sir William Biggs.

London, December 26.

The death is announced of Sir William Egerton Biggs. [Deceased was chairman of the Associated Board of Royal College and Royal Academy of Music. He was first Judge of Small Cause Court, Rangoon, 1888; officiating Judge, Moulmein, 1892; officiating Recorder, Rangoon, 1893; Judge Chief Court, Lower Burma, 1900-8.]

MAGIC IN CHINA.

Interesting Lecture at Shanghai.

Last week, at the rooms of the Royal Asiatic Society Dr. H. Chasley read a paper before the society on the subject of Chinese magic. Dr. Stanley presided over a good attendance, which accorded the speaker a hearty vote of thanks at the conclusion of an interesting if somewhat technical paper.

Dr. Chasley, after showing the bearing between Chinese magic and the various religions of the country, dealt with most of the common phases of magic, illustrating his remarks with interesting stories. Speaking of the Boxers he said that they were supposed to perform drills and their title "The United Harmonious Fists" had some relation to that. Their drills or exercises induced a state of excitement in which they believed that their bodies had been made invulnerable to the bullets. They were not invulnerable but they had, through their excitement, become insensible to pain, which to the uneducated mind might mean the same thing. Of the Chinese enumeration of the elements as five, the speaker told of the interesting legend of how a Chinese Emperor saw a tortoise rise out of the Yellow River and on the back of it he saw the characters for wood, earth, fire, water and metal. It was possible that the story arose out of the practice of putting tortoise-shell into the fire and finding in it oracles which might resemble characters, in much the same way as ladies fancied they saw things in coffee grounds and tea leaves.

Astrology, broadly speaking had much in common with that of Europe. Feng-hui, the lecturer also dealt with, as concerning itself chiefly with the selection of sites for houses and graves and showed an interesting sketch of an ideal grave site as designed by a professor of the art. Many persons in China were convinced of the existence of diabolical influences, but there was little Chinese literature dealing with the subject, although there could be no doubt that there were many Chinese women who practiced spirit revelation. Considerable interest was added to the paper by the diagrams which were shown and the examples of magical books, etc., with which Dr. Chasley illustrated his remarks.

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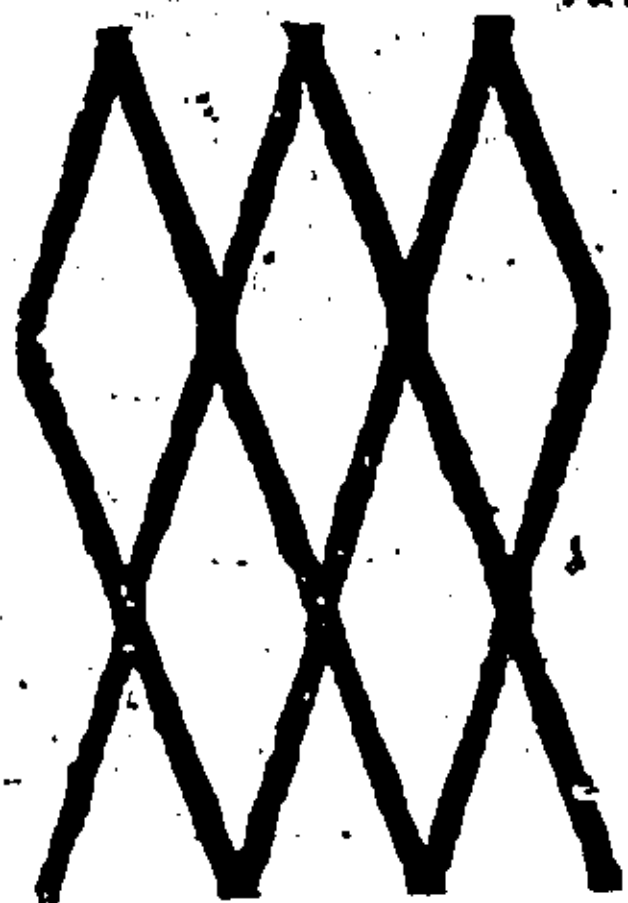
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GENERAL NEWS.

Buddhist Relics—The Taxis

Delhi, November 19.—It will
be remembered that arrangements
have been made by the Govern-
ment of India to present some of
the relics discovered on the Taxis
site to the Buddhists in Ceylon.
These relics will be convey-
ed to Ceylon by Sir John
Marshall, Director-General
of Archaeology, himself in
January next and they will
be there presented by him to the
authorities of the Temple of the
Tooth of Buddha at Kandy to
whom he will afford the necessary
information regarding the cir-
cumstances of the finding of these
relics. Sir John Marshall will at
the same time take the opportu-
nity of visiting some of the best
known Buddhist sites in Ceylon,
the monuments at which are
closely connected with those of
India.Monazite Being Worked in
Ceylon.We understand, says an Ex-
change, that important develop-
ments in connection with new
industries in Ceylon will take
place shortly, including the
establishment of a china-making
industry. In the meantime the
Mineralogical Department has
found substantial deposits of
monazite, a substance which
is in great demand at the
present moment, and a start
has been made in working it
in two districts in the Southern
Province and in Kadamallia in
the North. The necessary plant
for the magnetite separation of
the mineral has been ordered and as
soon as this arrives it is expected
that a considerable quantity of
material will be supplied from
Ceylon. Monazite is largely used
for gas mantles. In the past it
has come chiefly from North
Carolina and Brazil, but lately
it has been obtained in com-
mercial quantities in Travancore.

The Shan States.

From the official report for the
year ended 30th June 1916:—
The Shan States enjoyed a year
of peace and prosperity, and were
on the whole little affected by
the war. The disturbances in
French territory on the Mekong
did not extend across the border,
and on the Siamese frontier peace
remained unbroken. Relations
between British and Siamese
officials were as usual cordial.
There was some increase in crime
generally and in violent crimes;
but in the Shan States, violent
crimes are for the most part
offences against the person, and
organized crime is infrequent.
There was a renewal of thefts of
elephants along the Siamese
border. Cattle theft shows a
decrease. The Lieutenant-Governor
takes this opportunity of
expressing his deep regret at the
death of Mr. A. J. A. Jardine, of
the Imperial Police, which
occurred while that officer was
employed in the Southern Shan
States.Incompetent Chinese
Magistrates.Chengtu, 14th December.—
Lately the Military Governor
recalled a number of incompetent
magistrates and appointed new
men with instructions to put down
robbers and opium growing.
Yesterday there was a violent
uproar in the Provincial Assembly
between the supporters of Tai
Kan, the Civil Governor, and the
supporters of Lo Pei-kin. The
former insisted that the appoint-
ments were not legal and the
latter maintained that they were
perfectly legal, as Tai Kan had
not come to Chengtu. Tables
were thrown and spears and
stools thrown at each other and
the House broke up in disorder.Serious Explosion in Tokyo.
A message from Tokyo
reports that on December 2
at about 5.20 p.m. a tank
containing hydrogen gas
in the compound of the Tokoku
Oil Company in Yokohama, Tokyo,
exploded. The Company's build-
ings and about 150 houses around
the place were more or less damag-
ed. Fortunately no one was hurt.
The whole of Tokyo was electrified
by the explosion. Many in-
habitants near the place thought
it was due to an earthquake. The
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D. W. TRATMAN,
Head of Sanitary Department.
Hongkong, 23rd December, 1916.

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3	32	72	112	155	195	238	283	327	364
4	33	73	113	156	197	239	286	330	365
5	35	74	114	157	198	240	291	334	366
6	36	82	116	162	199	243	292	335	369
8	39	83	123	163	200	245	293	336	371
9	40	84	124	167	201	247	298	337	372
11	42	86	128	168	205	249	299	338	374
15	43	87	129	169	214	250	303	341	378
16	47	90	131	171	215	251	304	342	380
17	50	91	132	172	218	254	307	343	382
18	53	93	136	173	221	256	309	344	383
19	54	94	137	175	222	259	314	347	386
20	57	96	138	177	223	261	316	348	387
23	59	97	139	178	226	262	317	351	389
24	61	99	140	180	227	265	318	352	
25	65	105	142	185	228	271	320	353	
26	66	106	145	189	229	272	322	356	
27	68	108	149	191	232	277	324	359	
28	70	109	152	192	233	281	325	361	

Dated this 19th day of December, 1916.

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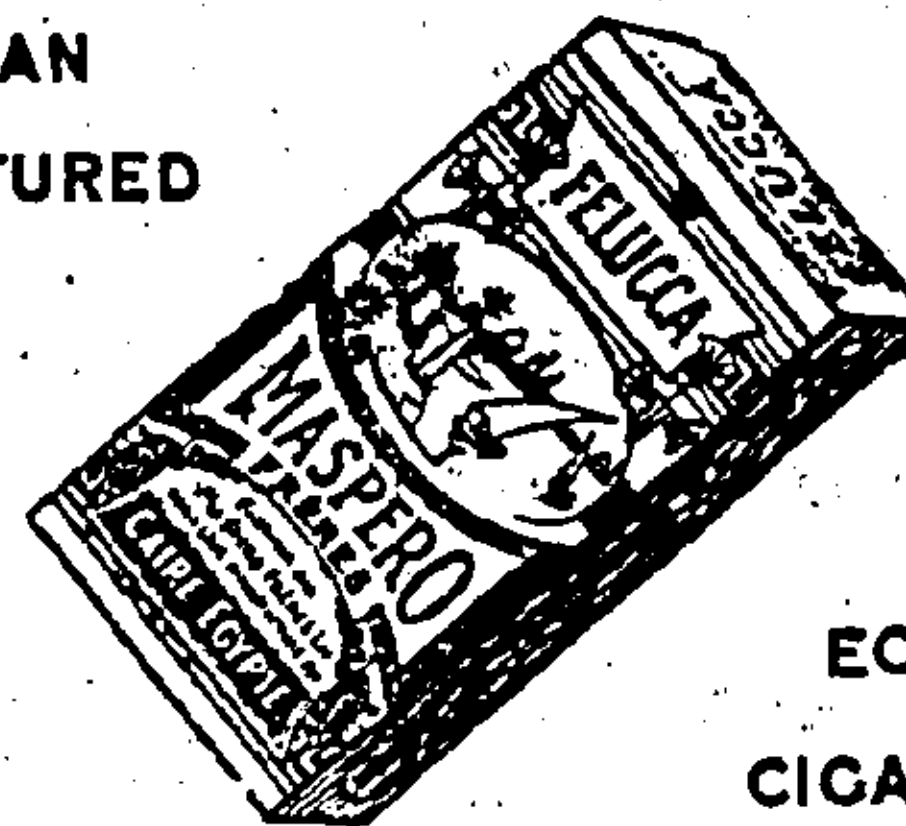
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The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1916.

ORGANISING FOR VICTORY.

One of the most beneficial consequences of the reconstruction of the Ministry at home is the formation of a great national service organisation whereby the full resources of the nation, both in manpower and in production, will be placed at the command of the State for the successful prosecution of the war. Already, of course, much has been done along these lines, but there has been lacking centralisation of effort and thorough-going organisation. We have been too content to push along on a makeshift basis, till now, at this late hour in the day, it has become apparent that the whole problem needs taking in hand on broad and universal lines. It is on this basis that the new Directory of National Service has been established, and it only requires a most cursory analysis of its functions to make it clear that great benefits will accrue to the nation when the scheme has been got thoroughly under way. If the Lloyd George Administration does nothing else beyond this reorganisation of national effort for war purposes, it will have absolutely justified itself in the eyes of the whole Empire.

The full measure of the new step will be realised when it is borne in mind that it contemplates the utilisation of the services of all males from 17 to 60 years of age, and that, if, for the purposes of the scheme, sufficient volunteers are not forthcoming, the Government will apply for compulsory powers. Thus the whole manhood of the nation will be placed on a war service footing, the State making it a fixed principle that everybody who can render the least possible help shall be called upon to aid in the winning of the war. Another point indicating the extent to which the State claims the right to subordinate all other considerations to the successful prosecution of the war is to be found in the power given to the new department to decide what industries, apart from war work, are essential to the nation, and to shut down trades which are really non-essential. This is a drastic step, and, if taken at any other time than the present, it would have been strongly resisted, but the new Government rightly argues that it would, in the present crisis, be nothing short of a scandal if energy and skill in labour were allowed to run to waste, in callings in no wise helpful to the nation, merely for the sake of private gain. The only issue of the moment, or, at any rate, the supreme issue, is the marshalling of the resources of the country for the attainment of victory on the battle field and on the sea. Mr. Lloyd George is keeping that point constantly in front of him. That is his only business now. And that is why he has at the back of him the unanimous support and confidence of the whole Empire.

The whole of this scheme for the use, on systematic lines, of the man-power of the nation breathes evidence of its having been conceived on sound and most detailed lines. But what about the country's woman-power? There has recently been manifesting itself a movement in favour of dealing with women on lines somewhat similar to those followed in the case of men. The creation of a Woman-Power Board, with local enquiry organisations, has been urged, so that full and reliable data may be secured regarding the extent and the character of the assistance which women could render. Our women have already played a noble part in war work, and one which will never be forgotten, but there is not the least doubt that much more could be done if our womanhood were organised as it should be. There must be many women at home really anxious to do something to help on the war—a class who would not be reached through the medium of the Labour Exchanges. All they want to know is what is required of them, and if some kind of Woman-Power Board were established, we are confident that their patriotism would do the rest.

Yesterday's Shoot.

The fact that Hongkong's interest in rifle-shooting is not on the wane is amply proved by the keen contest yesterday at Stonecutters. No less than seventeen teams of four men competed, these being drawn from the King's various armed forces within the Colony. While congratulating the Volunteer Reserves on again winning, most of our readers will feel that the victory is quite in accordance with the fitness of things, and that they would rather see the Cup go to this corps than to any other here. The men of the premier team are all old Hongkong hands, and the branch of the Service to which they belong is one that has borne its share of the burden and heat of the day. Consequently no other corps will grudge them their win. Equally all good sportsmen will read with pleasure of the magnificent shooting of Jemadar Mehr Singh, as well as of the fine results achieved by Captain Taylor, R.G.A. and Sergt. Small of the Shropshires. The whole affair was a good, honest, sportsmanlike turn-out, in which officers and men, Europeans and Indians, civilians, soldiers and sailors could meet on common ground; and the Police Reserve, who promoted it, merits the highest commendation for its enterprise and public spiritedness.

Small Pox in Hongkong.

While we have no time or use for scaremonger pidgeon, we would point out that the small-pox statistics for the week ending December 22 present some figures which are in nowise comforting in a colony that contains some hundreds of thousands of Chinese. Eighty-nine fresh cases occurred during the week in question, of which sixty-two proved fatal. Yesterday the death of another European was reported. Having regard to these facts, and calling to mind the past sins of commission and omission of our Sanitary Department, one is prompted to ask if the fullest precautions against the spread of infection are being observed. We hear that the Department's coolies, who have the handling of small-pox patients, are fitted out with a clean and well-disinfected suit of clothes every morning, which is at least a step and a half in the right direction. But what about the European Sanitary Inspectors? We cannot find, on enquiry, that these are provided with any special rig. Our information is to the effect that the thrifty Board supplies its inspectors with one uniform suit per winter—which does not seem to leave much room for changing, after dealing with a small-pox case. If the gods had so willed it that we had been elected to the Sanitary Board (a position of affairs a little difficult to conceive of) we would ask without more ado if a European Inspector, after leaving a house where there is small-pox, is allowed straightway to mingle with other people without any intermediate period of purification. As we have not the privilege of making this enquiry at the next Board meeting, will one of the members be good enough to make it for us?

Enlightening America.

We don't know what our readers may think about it, but it seems to us that this suggestion, in some of the Home papers, that an emissary should be sent to the United States to enlighten the people thereof as to the facts of the war is rather twaddle. We reprinted, some little while ago, an article by the well-known American publicist Miss Agnes Repplier, telling the truth about the war. This had appeared in a very widely-read paper: the *Philadelphia Public Ledger*; and it is but one of many which the more respectable section of the United States press has published, pointing out the exact case between the Entente and the Central Powers. Not only so, but Mr. Roosevelt and other popular speakers have never tired of letting the American public know the truth. No-one in Great Britain could tell Dr. Wilson much more about the position than he knows already, and, judging from American papers, there is little excuse for any of his friends to plead ignorance. There are none so blind as those who won't see.

DAY BY DAY.

EARLY AND PROVIDENT FEAR IS THE MOTHER OF SAFETY.—BARK.

The Mails.
Siberian Mail.—(Nov. 24. London.)—Due per s.s. Novara to-morrow.
European Mail.—Closes per s.s. Kamo Maru at 10 a.m. to-morrow.
American, Canadian and Siberian Mails.—Close per s.s. Empress of Russia at 10.30 a.m. to-morrow.
Siberian Mail.—Closes per s.s. Shantung at 3 p.m. to-morrow.

The Dollar.
The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 4.13/16d.

To-morrow's Anniversary.
To-morrow is the 80th birthday of President Wilson.

For the Troops.
We have to acknowledge, with thanks, a parcel of newspapers and magazines for the troops, kindly sent by Mrs. Jordan.

Prize Day.
Lady May has consented to distribute the prizes at the prize-giving of the Balios Public School on Wednesday, January 17. The ceremony takes place at 12 noon.

Cinema Attractions.
A treat is promised for a few nights only at the Bijou Theatre, when Miss Sonia Halanai, a Russian ballet dancer, will give performances of Russian dances and several speciality dances including sailor's hornpipe, Irish jig and Scotch reels.

Robbing a Contemporary.
A Chinese was charged before Mr. C. D. Melbourn, at the Police Court this morning, with stealing 16 lbs. of printer's type, from the office of the *China Mail* yesterday. The defendant's story was that he was only sweeping it up, and had no intention of stealing it. His Worship boned the man over.

A Thief's Haul.
It has been reported to the Police that on Boxing Day a window was broken open by a thief at 2, University Path, and a bedroom ransacked. Jewellery to the value of \$489, a pistol valued at \$40, and a cash box and some papers were stolen, the total value of the missing property being \$530.66.

"Kismet."
Excellent photographs of "Kismet" are now for sale at Mee Cheung's and should prove charming souvenirs of a memorable A. D. C. production. The last performance takes place on Saturday next at 7.30 p.m. and after the performance a recherche supper will be served at the Hongkong Hotel Grill Room at \$2 per head, the entire proceeds of which will be devoted to the Star and Garter Fund.

A Thief's Way Made Easy.
The case in which a Chinese was charged with stealing a gold wrist watch from a house in Leighton Hill Road was again before Mr. J. B. Wood, at the Police Court this morning. The defendant is a cook employed by Mr. Palmer, of the China Sugar Refinery, and it seems that he entered the next house and stole the watch and a silk coat, which he passed on to another man to pawn. It was stated by Inspector Sim that any front door key in the block of houses could open all the other front doors and that explained how defendant got into the house. The defendant was sentenced to four months' hard labour and four hours' stocks, whilst the man who was charged with receiving was discharged.

TRAMWAY RETURNS.

The following is the approximate statement of the Hongkong Tramway Company's traffic receipts for the week ending December 16, 1916:—

This Year: ...	Aggregate for week: ...	Receipts for 51 weeks: ...
\$12,372	\$723,311	
Last Year: ...	11,047	\$60,950
Increase: ...	1,325	162,361

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

"It is suggested in some quarters that America needs enlightenment as to the Allies' aims." (Reuter).—But how, one wonders, can a country that has Dr. Wilson for President need enlightenment on anything that comes within the range of human knowledge?

"The Dundee *Advertiser* urges that Mr. Churchill be sent to the United States as a missionary of the Empire."—And the *Hongkong Telegraph* urges that, when the Americans have got Mr. Churchill, they be asked to keep him. Britain has had her share of him.

While our educated comp. was busy taking his degree at Hongkong University, his assistant unfortunately worked up an advertisement in our columns asking for a man with "impeccable references."

Our congratulations this week go to the Hongkong public for having spent a moderately sober Christmas, and to the Police Inspector who tried to fire off a Queen Mary pencil in mistake for a .303 cartridge.

"We are informed," says a contemporary, "that both the European and Chinese staples of the Westman Cape have been vociferated."—That's the sort of news that stirs the blood and makes us proud of being British. Or it would be, if we had a ghost of an idea as to what it meant.

"Is Instruction in English Justified?" asks the *Manila Daily Bulletin*.—We don't know about "justified," but if we are to judge by the "English" commonly employed by our contemporary we should say that it is highly desirable.

Says a native paper:—"The prospective Canton Member of Parliament, Chan Hung-yau, has arrived at Peking; but owing to Canton officials' telegraphing that Chan Hung-yau had embezzled funds, he was arrested."—Evidently the way of the Chinese politician, like that of the transgressor, is hard. Between opium-smuggling and embezzlements, this new Parliament should leave its mark on the history of a long-suffering country.

If we had had the luck to pinch the Paines Judge's top-hat from that Degree Ceremony at the Hongkong University, we certainly wouldn't have returned it. Rather would we have packed it up and sent it to one of the Hongkong magistrates, in the hope that it might be unto him even as the mantle of Elijah.

"Glass eyes are notoriously uncomfortable," observes the *Japan Chronicle*.—The information lays to rest a burning inquisitiveness that we have felt for years on this subject. We always wondered why so few people wear them.

"Young Gent wants board and residence with private family," is one of the advertising gems in a Sydney paper.—So Hongkong hasn't a monopoly in "young gent" after all.

"Elizabeth Arquith has become engaged to the American diplomat, Mr. Gibson," says a Hongkong paper this morning. But why all this formality? Why not call her Lissie, and have done with it?

We are informed that there is no truth whatever in the rumour that British members of the Police Reserve are, in future, required to salute all lakong, and all Sanitary Board coolies of over three weeks' service.

Alice Memorial Hospital.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—The Sun Company, Ltd., \$25; Ohoy Ohang, \$25; Lo Shui Chien, \$25; Chan Dai Chi, \$10; Yim-Pan-Tack, \$5; Mak Yam Map, \$5; Tang Shiu Wing, \$5; Tam Wing Kwang, \$5; Yeung Kang Tong, \$5.

CRICKET.

A Drawn Two Days' Match.

The Hongkong Cricket Club and a team representing the Rest of the Colony played a two days' match on the Club ground, commencing on Christmas Day. Batemen found the pitch to their liking and some good scores were registered, the match ending in a draw in favour of the Club. Each team went twice to the wickets, the Club scoring a total of 447 for an innings and seven wickets, while the Rest put up 347 for an innings and eight wickets. Scores:—

Club, 1st Innings.	
T. E. Pearce, b Brayshay	13
E. J. B. Mitchell, st. Ponsonby-Fane, b Bird	79
G. E. Marley, b Bird	2
F. J. de Rome, st. Ponsonby-Fane, b Bird	8
H. H. Taylor, b Brayshay	0
M. M. Maas, b Brayshay	1
J. Stalker, st. Ponsonby-Fane, b Bird	21
R. Kennedy, b Bragg	7
R. P. Thurnfield, c Hamilton, b Bird	24
F. Sutton, not out	6
L. D. McNicoll, b Bragg	0
Extras	13
Total	174

Bowling.	
*Hamilton	O. M. R. W.
Bird	3 0 21 0
Brayshay	15 3 62 5
Witchell	12 0 54 3
Bragg	3 0 20 0
	3.32 4 2
*Bowled one no ball.	

The Rest 1st Innings.	
F. A. Edmond, c Pearce, b Marley	53
R. O. Witchell, c Maas, b de Rome	87
J. V. Bragg, c McNicoll, b Pearce	8
R. Ponsonby-Fane, b Maas	4
Major Robertson, c Kennedy, b Marley	18
K. Brayshay, c Taylor, b de Rome	25
W. H. Stapleton, b de Rome	19
R. M. Austin, b Pearce	2
J. P. Robinson, b Pearce	7
E. W. Hamilton, c Taylor b Pearce	1
R. E. O. Bird, not out	1
Extras	17
Total	247

Bowling.	
Stalker	O. M. R. W.
Taylor	7 2 27 0
Maas	13 1 41 0
de Rome	16 2 54 1
Marley	9 1 46 3
Pearce	9 1 31 2
	8.61 32 4

Club, Second Innings.	
T. E. Pearce, c Bragg, b Brayshay	19
E. J. B. Mitchell, l.b.w., b Bird	7
G. E. Marley, l.b.w., b Brayshay	19
F. J. de Rome, c Witchell, b Bragg	38
H. H. Taylor, c Ponsonby-Fane, b Hamilton	44
M. M. Maas, l.b.w., b Bird	17
J. Stalker, not out	32
R. Kennedy, st. Ponsonby-Fane, b Bird	4
R. P. Thurnfield, not out	23
F. Sutton, L. D. McNicoll, did not bat	...
Extras	20
Total (for 7 wickets declared)	278

Bowling.	
Brayshay	O. M. R. W.
Bird	12 0 83 2
*Hamilton	17 1 89 3
Bragg	9 2 38 1
Redmond	2 0 15 1
Witchell	2 0 13 0
	3 0 17 0
*Bowled three no balls.	

The Rest, Second Innings.	
F. A. Edmond, b Pearce	2
J. P. Robinson, c and b de Rome	0
J. O. Bragg, c Taylor, b Pearce	21
Major Robertson, b de Rome	4
K. Brayshay, run out	1
W. H. Stapleton, c Thurnfield, b Pearce	21
R. O. Witchell, c Marley, b Maas	13
R. Ponsonby-Fane, b Marley	1
R. E. Bird, not out	10
E. W. Hamilton, not out	18
R. M. Austin, did not bat	...
Extras	9
Total (for 6 wickets)	100

Bowling. O. M. R. W.
Dixon ... 9 1 48 1
Ramsay ... 2 0 22 0
W. H. K. ... 3 0 16 0
Ismael ... 3 0 16 0

BOXING DAY TRAGEDY.

Ship's Officer Found Shot.

A tragedy occurred on the s.s. *Peeking* on Boxing Day morning, when the second officer of the boat, a Dane, named Akel Sorenson, was found dead with a gunshot wound in his temple. A gun was lying close by, and it seems as though the wound were self-inflicted.

The boat was lying at Taikee Docks at the time, and the body has been removed to the Mortuary.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

A League match between the Hongkong Volunteer Reserves and the Taikee Rifle Club took place on the 23rd instant, on the latter's range, when the Volunteers won by three points. Scores:—

Volunteers Reserves v. Taikee R.C.	
Jenkins, A.	30 33 34 97
McLennan, E.	28 32 34 94
Tollan, D.	28 29 25 22
Lyon, J.	29 32 29 90
Carpmael, E.	33 29 27 89
MacKay, J.	29 32 27 88
Bannerman, G.	27 31 27 85
H. M.	28 23 25 81
Leach, A.	28 23 25 81
Total	716
Less deduction of 4 per cent. for Aperture Sights	
Net	712

Taikee R.C.	
Nicol, A.	31 30 30 91
Simpson, J.	32 30 29 91
Scott, Capt. W. M.	31 29 30 90
Eldridge, W. J.	29 32 28 89
Heath, H.	31 29 28 88
*Dunby, Lt. J. D.	33 29 28 88
Grimshaw, T.	28 31 30 87
Lyle, D.	31 27 27 85
Total	709
* Open sight	

Bowling.	
Pearce	O. M. R. W.
de Rome	12 3 36 3
Taylor	9 1 27 2
*Maas	6 1 13 0
Marley	2 1 1 1
Thurnfield	4 2 3 0
	2 0 11 0
* Bowled two wides.	

Craigsgower v. The University. This match was played yesterday, Craigsgower winning largely as a result of the good bowling of Southerton and Postonji. Scores:—

The University.	
J. D. Wright, b Southerton	0
W. Hall, b Southerton	4
Ng See Kwong, not out	39
A. H. Ramjahn, c Schnepel b Southerton	6
A. de Souza, l.b.w., b Southerton	0
Ohow Yat Cheong, b Southerton	0
D. P. Dixon, b Postonji	1
W. Gittens, b Postonji	0
C. A. M. Smith, c Schnepel, b Postonji	0
S. A. Ismail, c Kow, b Postonji	0
Cheah Ton Lok, b Southerton	0
Extras	11
Total	61

Bowling.	
Southerton	O. M. R. W.
Postonji	6 1 32 6
	6 1 18 4
Craigsgower.	
R. Postonji, c Ismail, b Ng See Kwong	23
S. Jaz, c Wright, b Ramjahn	6
R. G. Southerton, b Ismail	53
G. F. Thompson, run out	5
C. Sura, c Ramjahn, b Dixon	2
D. K. Khars, not out	13
J. D. Noria, c Gittens, b Ng See Kwong	4
A. J. Kow, c Ohow, b Ng See Kwong	0
F. Schnepel, c Souza, b Ng See Kwong	0
L. A. Rose, c Souza, b Ismail	0
Extras	1
Total	113

Bowling.	
Dixon	O. M. R. W.
Ramjahn	9 1 48 1
Ng See Kwong	2 0 22 0
Ismail	3 0 16 0

CORRESPONDENCE.

[The opinions expressed by correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph"]

THE SPITTING NUISANCE.
(To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph.")

Sir,—May I be allowed, through your columns, to protest against a serious evil in this Colony? I refer to the dangerous and most filthy habit of spitting, preceded by the most obnoxious of noises, by the Chinese community of Hongkong. Even in our theatres, one is surrounded by this degrading and sickening habit. The other evening, I happened to be in one of the local theatres, and, throughout the performance, was assailed on all sides by Chinese, all more or less committing this horrible nuisance. The majority of the offenders were of the upper class. Even now, we are in the throes of a serious small-pox epidemic, and I ask you, do we want contamination as well? Surely the managers of the various local theatres could be prevailed upon to put a stop to this. Britishers are known to be long-suffering, but there is a limit, and this being a British Colony, Britishers should have proper protection against these evils. This awful habit, natural to all Chinese, could be stamped out, at least in the local places of amusement, if the proper means were used, and I ask you to air this grievance, with a view to action being taken on the part of the managers of these places.

Yours etc.,

BRITISHER.

Hongkong, December 27, 1916.

PRACTICAL PATRIOTISM.

Sir,—Permit me to congratulate you on the interesting article in to-day's issue of your paper in regard to trade in China by "Morner." I am glad to note that this is the first of a series. My reason for writing you, however, is ask your contributor to be good enough to elaborate a little more in detail his statement concerning the "potential selling ability" of a certain Association of Engineers. There are points of interest in his article which I would like to comment on, but will reserve them until the end of the series.

Yours etc.,

INTERESTED.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, D.S.P. (Reserve) state:—

Service Board.
Thursday, Dec. 28.—No. 4 Company, Ambulance Platoon, Mounted Police, Maxim Gunners and Motor Patrols.

Police School.
Thursday, Dec. 28.—Class III (Inspector Gerrard).

Friday, Dec. 29.—Class II (Inspector Gordon).

Standing Orders.
The following are to be inserted:—

"15A. Inspectors, Sergeants and Constables on Patrol duty are directed by the Capt. Supt. of Police to report any neglect of duty, or any conduct inconsistent with a due performance of duty, on the part of any regular Indians or Chinese police on beat. To assist them in this, beat slips will be issued when going on duty. They are not to give any orders to any such regular police officer.

Return and Issue of Rifles.
With reference to condition (1) of Standing Order 117, the Army will be open for the receipt and issue of rifles between the hours of 5.15 and 5.45 p.m. on every Tuesday and Friday until further orders. Musketry Sergeant Fisher will be in attendance. Recruits, when considered fit, may draw rifles on producing to the Musketry Sergeant an identification card signed by the equipment officer of the unit.

No. 2 Platoon will draw rifles on Thursday, December 28, between the hours of 5.15 and 6 p.m.

"Police Reserve Gazette."
The Editor will be glad to receive contributions for the January number. Same must reach him not later than December 30.

No. 1 Company.
Inspector H.A. Lammett, on reporting for duty, assumes command of No. 1 Company.

"NELSON DAY."

New Designation of Trafalgar Day.

The local Secretary of the Navy League has received the following letter:—

Dear Sir,—I am directed by the Executive Committee of the Navy League to inform you that at their meeting held on the 14th instant it was decided that the following resolution moved by Mr. Arnold White and seconded by Mr. E. B. Stoker, President of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce was adopted:—

"The Executive Committee of the Navy League at their meeting to-day resolved to change the title of the anniversary of Trafalgar and of Nelson's death, celebrated each year on October 21st, from Trafalgar Day to Nelson Day. The object of the change is to express in a permanent form the warmest friendship with France and to increase the interest of the British people in the Sea Power of the Empire which is personified in the name of Nelson."

The Executive Committee desire me to explain that considerable objection was made during the past year to the continued use of the name "Trafalgar" which was regarded in many quarters as being objectionable to the Government and People of France, it is hoped that the substitution of the name "Nelson" as the title of the Anniversary will be regarded as a fitting tribute to our gallant and devoted Ally the French Nation.

I hope you will take the opportunity of making this resolution as widely known as possible.

Yours very truly,

(Sd) P. J. HANSON,

General Secretary.

HAPPY CHILDREN.

Yesterday's Festivities at the Civil Service Club.

A large and happy band of children gathered at the Civil Service Cricket Club ground, Happy Valley, yesterday, to partake in the enjoyment very generously provided for them by members who not only supplied a handsomely decorated Christmas tree, growing under the weight of good things, but also a sumptuous repast, which, needless to say, was fully appreciated. There were no less than a hundred children present, and they set down to an excellent tea furnished by Messrs. Wiseman, Limited. The proceedings were presided over by the Hon. Mr. W. Osham, C.M.G., (President of the Club) who distributed the numerous toys when the Christmas tree was stripped.

In the course of a speech thanking Mrs. Osham for her attendance, the Hon. Secretary, Mr. P. T. Lambie, referred to the valuable services rendered to the Club by the President, who had held the office since the club was founded in 1902, with about twenty members, and that it was in a great measure due to his sympathy and help that the Club was at present in its sound condition, with a membership of 180.

Three cheers were given for Mrs. Osham and for the President, a most successful and enjoyable function thus coming to a close.

During the afternoon, the band of the 18th Infantry was in attendance and rendered a capital selection of music.

Much amusement was caused by Messrs. C. H. Parkinson and W. Ward as follows.

The whole arrangements were carried out under the supervision of Messrs. W. H. Woolley, Hon. Treasurer of the Club; B. R. Wood, Hon. Secretary; J. J. Blake; and P. T. Lambie, Hon. Secretary.

Circumstances preventing a cinematograph show being given, Mr. J. J. Blake, Manager of the Victoria Theatre, is presenting tickets to the children for a show next week.

AN INTERESTING PETITION.

Gambling in Kwangtung and Kwangai.

Says the Peking Daily News:—Not only in the province of Kwangtung has gambling been publicly sanctioned by the Sheng-chang, but in Kwangai Province it has also been encouraged by the Sheng-chang there by issuing licences to the gamblers to establish gambling dens all over the province even in the remotest nooks and corners. The gambling curse in that province has been proved to be worse than the opium evil, and it is estimated that more than \$10,000,000 will be wasted annually in gambling. The following Petition submitted to the National Assembly gives a detailed account on the matter:—

"We beg to bring to the notice of the National Assembly the gambling curse which has reduced the people of this province to great misery, and request that the Government be asked to suppress it without delay. It has been the cause of so many cases of robbery and murder. For the past years Kwangai has experienced the calamity of war, floods, confagurations etc., and the people have become exceedingly poor. Since the inauguration of Min Kuo normal condition has never been restored. However, for a long time gambling was strictly forbidden, thus enabling the people to devote their attention to profitable and legal occupations. Should the officials continue to govern the people properly for another period of ten years all the wounds would have been healed.

"After the outbreak of the late Revolution, the authorities found it difficult to raise funds for the maintenance of the numerous troops. They have therefore adopted a temporary remedy for the situation, hence the issue of licences of gambling of all kinds. A Company was organized by the notorious gambler Liu Chun-ting, who paid to the provincial authorities a sum of \$1,200,000, and who by issuing licences to the gamblers of various hien districts has made a profit of \$3,200,000. The expenses for the maintenance of gambling dens must be more than \$6,000,000, not to mention the amount wasted by the people in gambling. The annual revenue of the whole province is \$4,000,000, and yet the people have complained of the heavy burden. If should they now receive an additional burden of more than \$10,000,000 per year, it would spell disaster to the province. The recent occurrences of robbery cases may be cited as an evidence. A visitor to this province will at once notice that there are gambling dens everywhere with crowds of men and women gamblers of various classes eagerly awaiting the results of the games. Some have neglected their business, some have come to bankruptcy, some have become thieves and robbers, and other have committed suicide on account of the loss in gambling. Soldiers and policemen have also been seized by the mania of gambling, and having neglected to perform their duties, there are 'tafei' and robbers everywhere even in the main streets of the provincial capital. The condition of the capital is much worse. This province becomes a gambling hell, and it is feared that the influence would spread to other provinces. All this has been the result of the selfish policy of the Sheng-chang, who sold the province for an amount of \$1,200,000 disregarding the misery and sufferings of the people he has governed, etc."

New Fibre Plant in Cuba.

A plant, the Urena lobata, locally known in Cuba as the "Malva blanca" is being exploited for its fibre, which is of a quality between jute and flax. Occurring wild as a weed in tobacco plantations, its fibre is found on cultivation to improve in texture. The fibre is being used at present in the manufacture of sugar bags.

DAIRY FARM NEWS.

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NIGERIAN EAGLE NOT FOR SALE.

Disputed Trade Mark Emblem Austrian.

At the sale of enemy property in N'geria, which was completed in London on November, 1911 was announced that the Eagle trade mark had been withdrawn.

Exception had been taken to this Germanic symbol by Mr. W. J. Riley, a Manchester solicitor representing nine firms, who now said that the eagle in question was Austrian and not Prussian.

He argued that although this and other trade marks had been withdrawn from the sale, they would remain on the register in the name of the old German proprietors. That involved a very great danger of postwar litigation. Really, he thought, there were no trade marks left.

It was stated from the rostrum that there was value in the goodwill and the trade marks, so the sale must go on.

The first lot of goodwill and trade marks was that of Witt and Beack's business in fermented liquors and spirits, minerals and aerated waters. The only bid made—£30—was accepted.

The chief buyers of trade marks were Messrs. John Walkden and Co., shippers, and Mr. J. B. Oliphant, shipper, both of Manchester. The receipts on the day reached about \$14,000, bringing the total to about \$384,000.

"OLD MASTERS."

Bill to Preserve them for the Nation.

Lord d'Abernon has presented to the House of Lords a Bill to amend the National Gallery Acts of 1859 and 1883. In promoting the Bill the trustees have two ends in view:—

(1) To meet the general feeling that certain famous masterpieces in English private collections should not be sold out of the country, but should be preserved for the nation. The Bill will assist the trustees to provide funds for this purpose by the sale of works by masters who in course of time have come to be over-represented in the national collections.

(2) To establish by the loan and exchange of works of art a closer artistic intercourse with the galleries and museums in the provinces, in the Colonies, and other parts of his Majesty's dominions, and in Allied countries. The existing powers of the Gallery are quite unequal to the demands of the present day for extending the connection with kindred art institutions at home and abroad.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

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SYDNEY & MELBOURNE, via Manila, Thursday Island, Townsville and Brisbane	Shidzuoka Maru Capt. Noma T. 12,500	WED. 3rd Jan. at noon.
O'UTTA via S'pore, F'ang & Rangoon	Nikko Maru Capt. R. Takeda, T. 9,600	TUES. 16th Jan. at 11 a.m.
BOMBAY via S'pore, Malacca & C'bo	Atsuta Maru Capt. K. Itsuno T. 16,000	TUES. 13th Feb. at 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI and Kobe	Aki Maru Capt. K. Yoshikawa T. 13,500	TUES. 23rd Jan. at 10 a.m.

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	Toyouka M.T. 15,000	Early February.
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Steamer	Displacement	Leave Hongkong
Nippon Maru	11,000 - 15 knots	4th Jan. 1917.
Shinyo Maru	22,000 - 21 knots	15th Jan.
Persia Maru	9,000 - 14 knots	27th Jan.
Korea Maru	18,000 - 18 knots	10th Feb.
Siberia Maru	14,000 - 18 knots	26th Feb.
Tenyo Maru	22,000 - 21 knots	6th Mar.

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HAIPHONG	Kailong	27th Dec. at 10 a.m.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	Teau	27th Dec. at 4 p.m.
SWATOW/SINGAPORE	Luchow	28th Dec. at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI	Shantung	28th Dec. at 4 p.m.

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For Steamship On

SHANGHAI via Swatow Kwongsang Thur. 28th Dec. at 10 a.m.

KOBE & Moji Yusan Thur. 28th Dec. at 10 a.m.

SHANGHAI Yusan Thur. 28th Dec. at 10 a.m.

SHANGHAI Choyang Fri. 29th Dec. at 10 a.m.

HAIPHONG Yusan Fri. 29th Dec. at 10 a.m.

MANILA Loosang Sat. 30th Dec. at 3 p.m.

SANDAKAN Hiansang Fri. 5th Jan. at noon.

MANILA Yusan Sat. 6th Jan. at 3 p.m.

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AMERICAN MAIL.

The P. M. S.S. ECUADOR left Shanghai Dec. 21, for Hongkong via Manila, and is expected to arrive here Dec. 25, and will leave for San Francisco on Wednesday, January 3, at noon.

The Pacific Mail Co.'s S.S. COLOMBIA will leave San Francisco for Hongkong on March 10, via Honolulu and Japan Ports.

The China Mail S.S. Co.'s steamer CHINA sailed from San Francisco on Saturday, December 23, 1916, and is expected to arrive Hongkong on or about 20th January, 1917.

ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. S.S. NOVARA left Shanghai for this Port on the 25th instant, at 11:30 a.m. with the Homebound English Mail, and is due here on the 28th instant at about 4 a.m.

CANADIAN MAIL.

The C. P. O. S.S. MONTEAGLE left Vancouver on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at a.m.

The C. P. O. S.S. EMPRESS OF JAPAN is due to arrive at Yokohama on Friday, Dec. 22, at daylight.

TIDE TABLE.

From 27th Dec. to 2nd Jan., 1917.

		High Water	Low Water	Mean Time	Mean Time
		Hongkong	Hongkong		
Wed.	27	10.15	4.15	10.15	4.15
Thurs.	28	10.15	4.15	10.15	4.15
Fri.	29	10.15	4.15	10.15	4.15
Sat.	30	10.15	4.15	10.15	4.15
Sun.	31	10.15	4.15	10.15	4.15
Mon.	1	10.15	4.15	10.15	4.15
Tues.	2	10.15	4.15	10.15	4.15

m morning. a afternoon.

VESSELS LOADING AND TO LOAD.

EUROPEAN PORTS.

Destination.	Vessel's Name.	For Freight Apply To	To be Dispatched.
Liverpool via Ports	Ningchow	B. & S.	28, Dec.
London via Cape Town	Kamo M.	N. Y. K.	28, Dec.
London via Ports	Novara	P. & O.	29, Dec.
Liverpool via Ports	Euryptus	B. & S.	31, Dec.
Genoa	Merabire	J. M. Co.	Dec.
London via Ports	Kashima M.	N. Y. K.	4, Jan.
London via Ports	Pelesus	B. & S.	3, Jan.
London via Ports	C. of Madras	B. L.	Jan.
London via Ports	Teucer	B. & S.	10, Jan.
London via Ports	Somali	P. & O.	17, Jan.
Liverpool via Ports	Tydeus	B. & S.	20, Jan.
London via Ports	Phemius	B. & S.	28, Jan.

NEW YORK, SAN FRANCISCO AND CANADA

Seattle via Japan	Protesilaus	B. & S.	28, Dec.
Vancouver via Japan	E. of Russia	C. P. O. S.	28, Dec.
San Francisco via Japan	Euador	P. M. S. S.	3, Jan.
Victoria B.C. via Japan	Shidzuoka M.	N. Y. K.	3, Jan.
San Francisco via Japan	Nippon M.	T. K. K.	4, Jan.
South American Ports	Kiyo M.	T. K. K.	9, Jan.
Vancouver via Japan	E. of Japan	C. P. O. S.	10, Jan.
San Francisco via Japan	Arakan	J. C. J. L.	11, Jan.
San Francisco via Japan	Shinyo M.	T. K. K.	17, Jan.
Victoria, B.C. & Seattle	Kamakura M.	N. Y. K.	23, Jan.
San Francisco via Japan	Persia M.	B. & S.	27, Jan.
Seattle via Japan	Ixion	B. & S.	27, Jan.
San Francisco via Japan	China	C. M. S. S.	31, Jan.
Vancouver via Japan	Monteagle	C. P. O. S.	3, Feb.
New York via Panama	Toyouka M.	N. Y. K.	Early Feb.

AUSTRALIA.

Australia via Manila	Nikko M.	N. Y. K.	16, Jan.
Australia via Manila	St. Albans	G. L. Co.	27, Jan.
Australia via Manila	Aoki M.	N. Y. K.	13, Feb.

SINGAPORE, INDIA, COAST PORTS AND JAPAN.

Hoihow and Haiphong	Kaifong	B. & S.	27, Dec.
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Tea	B. & S.	27, Dec.
Java and Makassar	Tjilatjap	J. C. J. L.	27, Dec.
Swatow/Singapore	Luchow	B. & S.	28, Dec.
Java	Tjimanoeck	J. C. J. L.	28, Dec.
Shanghai via Swatow	Kwongsang	J. M. Co.	28, Dec.
Kobe and Moji	Kumsang	J. M. Co.	28, Dec.
Shanghai	Shantung	B. & S.	28, Dec.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	D. L. & Co.	28, Dec.
Shanghai	Yusang	J. M. Co.	28, Dec.
Shanghai	Choyasang	J. M. Co.	29, Dec.
Haiphong	Taksang	J. M. Co.	29, Dec.
Manila	Loongsang	J. M. Co.	30, Dec.
Shanghai, Moji and Kobe	Somali	P. & O.	30, Dec.
Calcutta via Ports	Tosa M.	N. Y. K.	31, Dec.
Shanghai and Japan	Phemius	B. & S.	2, Jan.
Kobe	Tjilatjap	J. C. J. L.	2, Jan.
Shanghai to Yokohama	Teenkai	B. & S.	3, Jan.
Shanghai	Tjitaroom	J. C. J. L.	3, Jan.
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Nikko M.	N. Y. K.	4, Jan.
Sandakan	Hinsang	J. M. Co.	5, Jan.
Manila	Yuensang	J. M. Co.	6, Dec.
Shanghai, Moji and Kobe	Nyanza	P. & O.	7, Jan.
Manila	Ixion	B. & S.	11, Jan.
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Aki M.	N. Y. K.	11, Jan.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Arakata M.	N. Y. K.	13, Jan.
Shanghai and Japan	Antiochus	B. & S.	16, Jan.
Shanghai	Telamon	B. & S.	21, Jan.

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No Claim will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after noon, the 27th December, 1916, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Under-surveyor on or before the 30th December, 1916, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas on the 2nd January 1917, at 10 a.m.

Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognised.

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Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
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VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers:	Agents:
Wider, Br., ex 4th Bathen, 4th Sept.	P. M. S. S.
Yonghe, Br., ex 3rd Aug. Gen.—B. L.	J. C. J. L.
Yabiku M. Jap., ex 1800, Koda, 9th Dec.	P. & O.
—Moj, 1st Dec. Coal—M. B. K.	P. & O.
Saiman, Br., ex 1776, Simpson, 16th Dec.	B. & S.
—Singapore, 4th Dec. Gen.—J. M.	B. & S.
Dalochi M. Jap., ex 1885, Fukui, 16th Dec.	B. & S.
—Saigon, 9th Dec. Rice—B. K.	B. & S.
Fooking, Br., ex 1473, Hay, 18th Dec.	B. & S.
—Saigon, 11th Dec. Rice—V. A. S.	B. & S.
Kyodo M. Jap., ex 2, 02, Fukushima, 19th Dec.	B. & S.
—Bangkok 24th Nov. Rice—M. B. K.	B. & S.
Drafa, Ner., ex 1102, H. 7th, 20th Dec.	G. L. & Co.
—Swatow, 19th Dec. Gen.—T. & Co.	P. & O.
Manico, Br., ex 3, 549, Yawachi, 20th Dec.	P. & O.
—Tao ma, 19th Nov. Gen.—O. S. K.	P. & O.
Ulv, Nor., ex 885, Aawer, 20th Dec.	P. & O.
—Baik, 6th Dec. Rice—Chi ee.	P. & O.
Wollow, Br., ex 1336, Pritchard, 20th Dec.	P. & O.
—S. 1st, 11th Dec. Rice—Order.	P. & O.
Tjilatjap, Br., ex 3, 119, 2nd Dec.	P. & O.
—San Francisco, G. N. J. C. J. L.	P. & O.
Uruseu M. Jap., ex 1950, Ojawa, 2nd Dec.	P. & O.
—M. B. K. 15th Dec. Co. 1—M. B. K.	P. & O.
Bani M. Jap., ex 2363, Morita, 2nd Dec.	P. & O.
—Swatow, 16th Dec. Gen.—D. & Co.	P. & O.
Fausan, Br., ex 1419, Malika, 2nd Dec.	P. & O.
—Saigon, 15th Dec. Rice—J. M. & Co.	P. & O.
Glenfalloch, Br., ex 1434, MacKenzie, 2nd Dec.	P. & O.
—Singapore, 13th Dec. Gen.—Chinese.	P. & O.
Phumpeh, Br., ex 1065, Major, 2nd Dec.	P. & O.
—Saigon, 13th Dec. Gen.—Chinese.	P. & O.
Paoting, Br., ex 1190, Barbus, 2nd Dec.	P. & O.
—Swatow, 21st Dec. B. & S.	P. & O.
Telmachus, Br., ex 134, Fraser, 2nd Dec.	P. & O.
—Saigon, 13th Dec. Rice—Chinese.	P. & O.
Tydeus, Br., ex 4796, Wallace, 2nd Dec.	P. & O.
—Singapore, 15th Dec. Gen.—B. & S.	P. & O.
Teau, Br., ex 1161, Penang, 2nd Dec.	P. & O.
—Saigon, 19th Dec. Gen.—B. & S.	P. & O.
Chiyen, Br., ex 1177, Wilks, 2nd Dec.	P. & O.
—Shanghai, 20th Dec. Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.	P. & O.
Chofu M. Jap., ex 933, Kida, 2nd Dec.	P. & O.
—Saigon, 13th Dec. Rice—C. S. e.	P. & O.
Hinsang, Br., ex 1187, Kennedy, 2nd Dec.	P. & O.
—Saigon, 17th Dec. Gen.—J. M. & Co.	P. & O.
Hanoi, Br., ex 739, Moiran, 2nd Dec.	P. & O.
—Haiphong, 2nd Dec. Gen.—Marty.	P. & O.
Kwelin, Br., ex 1073, McCarty, 2nd Dec.	P. & O.
—Wells, 17th Dec. Gen.—B. & S.	P. & O.
Klin M. Jap., ex 3801, Sasaki, 2nd Dec.	P. & O.
—Singapore, 16th Dec. Gen.—N. Y. K.	P. & O.
Kueichow, Br., ex 1450, Martin, 2nd Dec.	P. & O.
—Saigon, 17th Dec. Rice—Chinese.	P. & O.
Kumsang, Br., ex 2077, Wheeler, 2nd Dec.	P. & O.
—Singapore, 16th Dec. Gen.—J. M. & Co.	P. & O.
Moyori M. Jap., ex 2302, Taniguchi, 2nd Dec.	P. & O.
—Tulcorin, 25th Nov. Gen.—N. Y. K.	P. & O.
Nippon M. Jap., ex 3, 0, 0, Maki, 2nd Dec.	P. & O.
—San Francisco, 25th Nov. Gen.—T. K. K.	P. & O.
Brinkburn, Br., ex 2440, Proctor, 2nd Dec.	P. & O.
—Milke, 19th Dec. Coal—Order.	P. & O.
Bombay M. Jap., ex 4, 352, Shinohara, 2nd Dec.	P. & O.
—Singapore, 14th Dec. Gen.—N. Y. K.	P. & O.
Chiat Tek Amer., ex 2400, 2nd Dec.	P. & O.
—Saigon, 17th Dec. Gen.—Order.	P. & O.
Empress of Russia, Br., ex 16,810, Robinson, 2nd Dec.	P. & O.
—Manila, Gen.—C. P. O. S.	P. & O.
Joshin M. Jap., ex 1, 1555, Narushima, 2nd Dec.	P. & O.
—Swatow, 2nd Dec. Gen.—O. S. K.	P. & O.
Kaifong, Br., ex 1700, Evans, 2nd Dec.	P. & O.
—Haiphong, 21st Dec. Gen.—B. & S.	P. & O.
Laertes, Br., ex 1310, Jenkins, 2nd Dec.	P. & O.
—Saigon, 18th Dec. Gen.—Chinese.	P. & O.
Pakboi, Br., ex 1120, Tucker, 2nd Dec.	P. & O.
—Saigon, 18th Dec. Gen.—J. C. J. L.	P. & O.
Tjimanoeck, Br., ex 3, 511, Kroes, 2nd Dec.	P. & O.
—Amoy, 15th Dec. Gen.—J. C. J. L.	P. & O.
Tjilatjap, Br., ex 2, 500, Burgess, 2nd Dec.	P. & O.
—Moj, 15th Dec. Gen.—J. C. J. L.	P. & O.
Yatching, Br., ex 1424, Anderson, 2nd Dec.	P. & O.
—Singapore, 17th Dec. Gen.—J. M. & Co.	P. & O.
Choyang, Br., ex 1420, Woodgett, 2nd Dec.	P. & O.
—Swatow, 2nd Dec. Gen.—Order.	P. & O.
Chiyo M. Jap., ex 1065, Shokamoto, 2nd Dec.	P. & O.
—Keelung, 2nd Dec. Coal—O. S. K.	P. & O.
Inde M. Jap., ex 3, 584, Tashiro, 2nd Dec.	P. & O.
—Singapore, 17th Dec. Gen.—O. S. K.	P. & O.
Kenken M. Jap., ex 110, 25th Dec.	P. & O.
—Chinwang, 17th Dec. Gen.—D. & Co.	P. & O.
Kwang, Br., ex 1128, Barkus, 2nd Dec.	P. & O.
—Haiphong, 18th Dec. B. & S.	P. & O.
S. Jacob, Br., ex 1878, Bauer, 2nd Dec.	P. & O.
—Singapore, 18th Dec. Gen.—J. C. J. L.	P. & O.
Shawing, Br., ex 787, Ramsland, 2nd Dec.	P. & O.
—Dairen, 19th Dec. Gen.—Chinese.	P. & O.
Takung, Br., ex 897, Matthews, 2nd Dec.	P. & O.
—Haiphong, 21st Dec. Gen.—J. M. & Co.	P. & O.
Shaoing, Br., ex 1570, Hobbs, 2nd Dec.	P. & O.
—Saigon, 16th Dec. Rice—B. & S.	P. & O.

VESSELS DUE.

Agents:	Vessel's Name.	Tonnage.	Date Due.	From.
P. M. S. S.	Euador		Dec. 28	San Francisco
J. C. J. L.	Tjilatjap		Dec. 28	Java
P. & O.	Novara		Dec. 28	Kobe
P. & O.	Nyanza		Dec. 31	Bombay
B. & S.	Phemius	6,699	Jan. 1	Liverpool
B. & S.	Teenkai	4,929	Jan. 2	Liverpool
B. & S.	Ixion	10,220	Jan. 5	Seattle
G. L. & Co.	St. Albans		Jan. 6	Australia
P. & O.	Somali		Jan. 11	Kobe
P. & O.	Malta		Jan. 14	Bombay
P. & O.	Antiochus	9,038	Jan. 15	Liverpool
P. & O.	Ixion	10,220	Jan. 19	Liverpool
P. & O.	Telamon	4,509	Jan. 20	Liverpool
P. M. S. S.	China		Jan. 20	San Francisco
B. & S.	Euryades	5,73	Jan. 23	Liverpool
P. & O.	Nyanza		Jan. 25	Kobe
P. & O.	Namor		Jan. 28	London
B. & S.	Talthybius		Jan. 31	Seattle
B. & S.	Hyson	6,607	Feb. 3	Liverpool

NOTICE.

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY.</

Per s.s. EASTERN, from Kobe, on
Dec. 23.
Adlam
Connor
Martin
Per s.s. KUMSANG, from Calcutta, on
Dec. 23.
Holand Miss S
Krater Miss E
Little Miss A
Per s.s. NIPPON MARU, from San
Francisco, on Dec. 23.
Adlar Mrs & Mrs A
Alves J L B
Alves Miss A E S
Ali Ngan Miss
Ali Yuh Mrs
Buller Paul A
Caarr Wm T Jr
Chow Shouson Mr
Chen W F
Chan Ting-chung
Ellis Miss E
Ferguson Dr N H
Figueredo H J M de
Haye Mrs T H
Hoang Mrs & Mrs
H E H
Halsema Mr & Mrs
H E J
Halsema Miss H E
Per s.s. EMPRESS OF RUSSIA, on
Dec. 24.
Aston Miss G
Brown W S
Beddingfield Mr &
Mrs F
Blackthorn Dr O
Boot Rev and Mrs
C
Gargan C F W
Boot Master T P
Benjamin P C Van
Benjamin Mr and
Mrs U E
Brack F S
Bernes A P
Chadwick Mr and
Mrs A
Chung Mr and Mrs
W K
Cutter Miss E F
Chow Yaw-sun
Carvalho E A
Crock A B
Crisler O R
Curt C B
Curt W H T
Daniels B H
Davidson C
Davison Rev J W
Dedlap C
Daniels Mr & Mrs
A G
Elliott C G
Evans Mr & Mrs S F
Fulton E J
Fangarous Mrs M
Fleming Miss A
Fleming Miss A
Fleming F M
Foot E J
Fogehan A J
Gordon W S
Gallway Mrs E C
Gust Mr and Mrs
E J
Gallory Mr & Mrs
J L
Haber H J
Hubbell C J
Hurst Dr B
John L B
Harrison E J
Hubbard E
Johnston J
Jones Rev D R
Johnson Hon E F
Kochler Miss F
Kroll Mr and Mrs
O H
Per s.s. KALFONG, from Haiphong, on
Dec. 24.
Bradly D
Emaus P
Gethen C
Jones Mr & Mrs

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

Pushing Fushun Coal.

The coal market being so active, particularly in Japan, the South Manchuria Railway Co. has been trying to increase the output of the Fushun Colliery. Owing to difficulty of levying labour, the increase has not been anything like the extent desired and yet a substantial increase is shown. The output during November amounted to 168,642 tons, which figure shows an increase of 43,809 tons over the previous month. It is expected that this month the output will undergo a further increase of about 20,000 tons.—Exchange.

Hankow Piece Goods Trade.

The weekly circular of the Hankow British Chamber of Commerce for December 13 comments as follows on the import piece goods market: This market is quiet but steady with a better feeling prevailing on account of easier money. Clearances have continued steady, particularly of yarn, and there have been some new inquiries for white shirtings, blacks and good quality English 10-lb. Blacks, fancies and whites are all reported up in price locally and a further rise in prices is expected. Although American cotton has dropped Japan yarns are still quoted at 110 for 4 Brand Assortment. Available stocks are scarce.

Germany's Gold Plight.

British financiers consider that Germany's plight, in spite of shifery efforts to conceal it, is serious, and well-informed American opinion appears to be quite unfavourable. The Wall Street Journal in October said "England, controlling two-thirds of the gold production of the world, utilized this supply to liquidate the debt she was incurring abroad and paying as she went. Since the outbreak of the war England has exported close on £250,000,000 in gold, and it is just because there is practically an inexhaustible stream of gold flowing to London that she can afford to neglect for the time being, a large reserve at home. Germany's financiers and friends, however," says the American financial journal, "have been living in a fool's paradise. There will come a time when the gold which she has squandered out of circulation will not be enough even for her internal credit structures. And the time would seem to be near at hand, judging by events that have transpired within the last few weeks. Then where will Germany turn for more gold?"

Chinese Insurance Companies.

A correspondent sends the following cutting from the Central China Post, of Hankow of December 15, which throws a searching light upon the question of Chinese insurance companies: "The Wha Nien Life Insurance Company, a Chinese concern which had maintained a commodious office on Yangtze Road for a considerable time, has packed up its effects quietly and disappeared without leaving any notice as to its present location or whether it is still continuing in business. A few small creditors have been making inquiries concerning the company." Although the Wha Nien is described as a life insurance company, our correspondent tells us that it transacted a large business in fire insurance as well. It is said to have been floated last year "with a flourish of trumpets." Its operations were confined to Hankow. According to the Chinese Press, the attention of Vice-President Fung Kuo-cheng has been drawn to the unbridled operations of adventurous Chinese insurance companies and he is said to have sent to Shanghai for a full report on their number and position. There are, as we have already pointed out, not a few perfectly respectable Chinese companies, which would only be too glad to see the activities of their speculative brethren adequately controlled, and it is to be hoped that General Fung Kuo-cheng's inquiry is only a short prelude to action.—N. O. Daily News.

Shantung Iron Mines Worked by Japanese.

It has been decided, after all the attempts made by the enterprise private capitalists of Japan, that the experimental borings of the Chidingchen Iron Mine should be made by the Shantung Railway Administration. There is a wide divergence between the German estimate and an estimate formed on a geological deduction as regards the wealth of the mine, says the Manchuria Daily News, adding that an approximately accurate estimate as to the extent of the vein and also the quality of the ore is expected to be prepared upon the results of these borings. From Y. 20,000 to Y. 30,000, they say, is thought to be enough for the boring process. As regards experimental mining, the Germans carried out the excavation of a pit to the depth of 300 ft. One hundred feet farther down the vein is expected to be reached. A few tens of thousands of yen are supposed to suffice for the purpose. All the funds required are being defrayed out of the emergency fund of the War Office. When the mining work is to be inaugurated in good earnest, when the results of the experimental borings warrant such an expenditure, at least Y. 500,000 or so will be required. As there is only a light rail service now available between the mine and the Shantung Railway, a branch line on standard gauge will have to be built, and in order to have every detail of the plan realized, an outlay of about Y. 3,000,000 will be wanted. In such event the amount will be a-keed of the Imperial Diet in form of a supplementary estimate.

Indian Industrial Commission. Bankipore, November 17.—The Industrial Commission resumed its sitting on Friday morning. Babu Ganesh Lal of Bhagalpur, giving evidence in reply to the President, said the tussler industry in Bhagalpur was enough to warrant some outlay on the trade. There were many families dependent on the industry. He thought the appointment of a Director of Industries was very necessary. Answering Mr. Chatterton he said about five to six lakhs worth of tussler silk were made in Bhagalpur. He sent about two thousand mounds of tussler waste to a German firm and got from them yarns. The witness submitted a note in which he stated that there were big deposits of kaolin in a place called Simukhis in Behar which could be made commercially valuable if properly worked out. He offered kaolin to the Bally and Titagarh Paper Mills but they did not accept it as it was mixed up with sand and grit. The witness did not know how to clean it properly. Asked by the President whether he had consulted the Geological Department for expert advice regarding the kaolin industry the witness said the idea never struck him and that he was under the impression that the Geological Department would not be able to help him. Sir Thomas Holland said that the Geological Department had been established for the last seventy years and yet when an opportunity arose its help was not availed of. Most of the evidence seemed to show that there was a great necessity in India for providing a scientific and technical department to foster industries and give the people advice. He thought that if only the witness had referred the matter to the Geological Department and they had reported on it favourably, Government would have rendered all the help necessary in the way of providing improved communications and facilities for fostering the kaolin industry. The witness was advised by Sir Thomas Holland to refer the matter to the Geological Survey although there would be some delay as the department was overloaded with work, most of the officers being away on war duty. Mr. H. R. T. Perrott, O.B., Deputy Commissioner, Sonthal Parganas, who was the next witness examined, in the course of his evidence, said that the best form of financial assistance by Government would be by industrial loans on lines of land improvement and agricultural

loans and encouragement of co-operative effort.

The smaller industries were generally hampered by want of capital and an effort should be made to build up a banking system on co-operative lines from below. He did not think the present land policy of the Government was any check on industrial development and he would not recommend any change in the existing law. He was in favour of placing industrial schools under the Department of Industries. Referring to his observations about the land policy of the Government Sir Thomas Holland asked the witness whether India was not now a nation in competition with other civilised nations of the world and many of these proprietary rights were obviously injurious, and whether if he allowed them to develop to a great extent they would not find themselves falling far behind in competition with other nations. The witness said the peculiar feature of this province and of Bengal was the permanent settlement system which in his opinion did not lead to any progress of these provinces. He could not make any proposal as to how the difficulties could be met with. But he said that in the interest of industries it might be advisable to give very limited and carefully protected powers to interfere with proprietorship. The difficulty of defining these powers and the method of using them seemed to him to be very great. People generally would accept legislation, but the landholders, would object. Replying to Sir R. N. Mukherji he said that as co-operation spread from one unit to another the capital which now went into the hands of the Mahajans would accumulate in the hands of the village industries. Sir Thomas Holland inquired whether any member of the Indian Civil Service would be satisfied to remain as a director of industries for many years, to which the witness said he thought a member of the Civil Service would not object to remain for, say, ten years, and in his opinion it would not handicap him in his ordinary career.

South African Coal. The report for 1915 of Sir William Hoy, general manager of the South African Railways, refers at some length to the coal industry of the country: "In comparison with some countries," he writes, "South Africa's coal resources are small, but the present annual output is also insignificant compared with the total available. The time is opportune for South African coal to gain an ascendancy on the African coast, and advantage is being taken of present opportunities as far as war exigencies permit. If, after the abatement of the present inflated demand for coal arising from the war and the consequent disturbance of shipping, new outlets can be found for South African coal, and certain of the temporarily diverted shipping can be induced to adhere to the Cape route, there should be very considerable development in the coal mining industry. The existence in South Africa of large quantities of coal of proved quality for steamship purposes should, as the coal becomes better known, be an influencing factor in deciding the route to be followed in the eastern trade and should encourage shipping to touch at Union ports and to engage in South African trade. Such a diversion of shipping would be of great importance to the Union and would open up new markets for South African products." Interesting references are made to trial shipments of coal last year from South African ports. A consignment of 11,000 tons to be tested on the Sudan railways was the largest single shipment ever made from South Africa. Several cargoes were despatched to the Argentine, and one went as far as Guayaquil in Ecuador.

Yokohama Wire Works. The S.S. Shinon, which arrived in Shanghai on December 11 from Japan, brought over 60 tons of submarine cable consigned to the Chinese Government which has been manufactured by the Yokohama Electric Wire Works. The cable measures slightly over eight miles in length.

Abortive Sino-Japanese S. Y. 5,000,000 Loan.

With regard to the abortive Sino-Japanese S. Y. 5,000,000 loan, the representatives of the Japanese Company visited Peking the other day to press the Peking Government for satisfaction, says the Manchuria Daily News of December 14. It appears that an understanding has been reached on the terms that, whenever either the Shaukow or Taping Mine is to be offered as security for a loan in future, the Japanese Company should have the preferential claim to be consulted, and that the Peking Government should pay the Company the sum of S. Y. 300,000 for the cancellation of the agreement.

The Asiatic Development Co. The above Company is reported to be concluding a new agreement with the Chinese Government, in which are to be embodied the following terms: (1) Whenever the Chinese Government requires foreign loans for the development of the Shaukow and Taping mines, the Asiatic Development Co. shall have prior right to furnish these loans. (2) The Government should pay compensation of S. Y. 300,000 to the Company. (3) The Loan Agreement signed by the Chinese and Japanese representatives on September 10, 1916, should be forthwith cancelled. (4) China should furnish security of another kind for the money advanced by the Japanese Company.

Chosen Weaving Company. In view of the increasing production of cotton in Korea, business men in Tokyo have promoted a company to be styled the Chosen Weaving and Spinning Co. All the shares of the company, representing Y. 5,000,000 have already been taken up privately by the promoters and their friends. Machines have been purchased and as soon as the official organization of the concern is completed they will be installed, it being hoped that they will be in full operation by next autumn. Textiles, rather than yarn will be produced by the company. It is also said in Tokyo that the establishment of a cotton mill with a capital of Y. 20,000,000 is being contemplated by one of the foremost cotton men in Japan. The new company will co-operate with the Fajit Cotton Mill and factories will be established both in Japan and China.

Trade Conditions in Burma. Unusual interest attaches to trade figures of Burma, just to hand from Rangoon, for they cover the twelve months ended March 31 last, the first complete trade year under war conditions. The statistics are taken from the report by the Chief Collector of Customs at Rangoon. The aggregate value of the total trade of Burma (including trade with provincial ports and Indian ports outside Burma) in 1915-16 was returned at 57,39,38,237 rupees, a decrease of 1,54,31,203 rupees, or about 2.6 per cent., as compared with the trade in 1914-15. Excluding treasure and Government stores, the combined value of imports and exports in 1915-16 was 55,22,24,774 rupees. Omitting the months April to July, which in 1914-15 were not war months, the total value of the trade of Rangoon (which comprises about 88 per cent. of the trade of Burma) in private merchandise with all ports was 30,25,00,000 rupees in 1915-16, as compared with 28,50,00,000 rupees in the previous year. This improvement is a remarkable testimony to the recovery of confidence in the Province, for low prices of paddy must have decreased the general purchasing power, while the adverse effects of the war have borne with increasing weight on the export trade. Japan's success in her efforts to capture trade which formerly belonged to Germany is illustrated by the fact that imports from Japan into Burma in the year ended March 31 last, represented a value of 11,100,000 rupees, nearly twice last year's total, and 10.4 per cent. of the total trade. Imports from the United States of America made a big advance, principally in motor-cars and iron and steel goods.

HONGKONG SHARE REPORT.

B-SKILLERS; SA-SALES;		
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OFFICIAL PRICES.		
BANKS.		
Banks	s.	\$725
MARINE INSURANCES.		
Cantons	n.	\$330
North Chinas	ss.	t. 150
Unions	n.	\$920
Yangtszes	n. ex 73	\$265
FIRE INSURANCES.		
China Fires	n.	\$156
H. K. Fires	n.	\$376
SHIPPING.		
Douglases	b.	\$118 1/2
Steamboats	b.	\$2 1/2
Indos (Def.)	b.	\$188
Indos (Pref.)	n.	\$16
Shells	b.	106 1/2
Ferries	s.	\$98
REFINERIES.		
Sugars	b.	\$128
Malabons	b.	\$37
MINING.		
Kailans	n.	36,-
Langkats	b.	12.14
Raub	n.	\$2.40
Tronohs	b.	37,-
Urals	n.	32 3/4
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, & C.		
H. K. Wharves	b.	\$85
Kowloon Docks	b. & ss.	\$129
Shai Docks	s.s.	t. 30
LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.		
Centrals	s.	\$101
H. K. Hotels	s.	\$115
Land Invest.	n.	\$95
H'phreys Est.	n.	\$6.90
K'loon Lands	s.	\$35
Shai Lands	n.	t. 91
West Points	s.	\$85
COTTON MILLS.		
Ewos	n.	t. 155
Kung Yiks	b.	t. 14 1/2
S'hai Cottons	b.	t. 11 1/2
Yangtzepeos	n.	t. 5 1/2
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Borneos	n.	\$8 1/2
China Light & P. b.		\$4.75
Providents	n.	\$8.3
Dairy Farms	n.	\$25 1/2
Green Islands	b.	\$12
H. K. Electric	n.	\$53
H. K. Ice Co.	n.	\$160
Ropes	b.	\$34 1/2
Steel Foundries	n.	\$39 1/2
Trams, Low Level b.		\$6.30
Trams, Peak, old n.		\$10
Trams, Peak, new n.		\$1
Laundries	n.	\$8 1/2
U. Waterboats-	n.	\$17.00
Watsons	b.	\$52
Wm. Powells	b.	\$6.25
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T/T Shanghai	Nom.	
T/T Singapore	102	
T/T Japan	111 3/4	
T/T India	175 3/4	
Demand, India	176	
T/T San Francisco- co & New York	57	
T/T Java	137 1/2	
T/T Marks	Nom.	
T/T France	3.33	
Demand, Paris	3.33 1/2	
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30 d/s. San Francisco & New York	58 1/2	
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4 m/s. France	3.45	
6 m/s. France	3.57	
Demand, Germany		
Demand, New York	57 1/2	
T/T Bombay		
Demand, Bombay	173	
T/T Calcutta		
Demand, Calcutta	176	
Demand, Singapore	102	
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